

2 April 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Overt Political Activities of PELOPS

1. On 2 April 1953 [] was briefed by [] (SR Division) concerning those of PELOPS overt activities of interest to the Agency.

2. [] said that the British were shrewder than we in their dealings with Soviet emigre groups since the British avoided taking a firm stand in favor of the Russians and the non-Russians, but "were all things to all people". Unfortunately, we had made our first overtures to the Russian emigre groups which caused the Armenians, Georgians, Circassians and others to keep clear of our activities. PELOPS has been shrewdly sitting on the fence and has not committed himself.

3. [] thought PELOPS knew that the Committee for the Liberation of the Russian Pelops was one of our activities but was just fishing when he asked [] questions.

4. [] explained that when questioned concerning what Mr. Roosevelt thought concerning a point, he made up a non-committal answer (as directed in Spring 1952 by Mr. Roosevelt). He would continue to do so but would now report to Headquarters what the questions were in case NEA/SPB and SR wished to give PELOPS any particular impression or answer.

5. [] agreed that another meeting would be desirable with Mr. Smith and the persons in the SR Division directly concerned with emigre group policies relating to PELOPS.

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